

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2350 - HB 2759

February 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Provides that an individual required to pay a reinstatement or restoration fee for a suspended or revoked driver's license petition the Department of Safety to establish an installment plan.
2. Specifies that once an agreement is entered into, the individual's driving privileges could be restored as long as they have satisfied all other provisions of the law for issuance of a driver's license.
3. Provides that if a person defaults on the installment plan, the Department would issue a notice of proposed suspension for failure to comply with the agreement. The person would then have the opportunity to request a hearing to prove they are in compliance.
4. Specifies that any person who defaults on an installment plan would not be eligible to enter into any future such plans.
5. Includes counties having a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of 100,000 according to the 1990 or any subsequent federal census (Davidson County) to those where an individual whose driver's license was suspended for failure to pay local fines and court costs may establish a payment plan through the local court or court clerk to pay such local fines and court costs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$123,900 Recurring
\$101,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$400,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- 5 additional positions in the Department of Safety with recurring salary and benefits costs of \$108,900 and recurring expenses for office space, administrative costs and supplies of \$15,000.
- one-time expenditures in the Department of Safety of \$31,000 for computer equipment and office furniture and \$70,000 for computer program changes.

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- the Department of Safety will establish rules making only those owing more than \$400 eligible for the establishment of an installment plan; the Department would require an initial payment of \$400 with the remaining balance to be paid within 12 months.
- that most of those individuals entering into installment agreements with the Department of Safety would not have paid for reinstatement of their licenses without the availability of such an installment plan.
- at least 1,000 individuals who would not have paid otherwise will pay at least the initial \$400 payment resulting in an increase in state revenues exceeding \$400,000.
- a not significant increase in state revenues from license reinstatement fees as a result of individuals in Davidson County that could apply for driver's license reinstatement upon the local court providing proof to the Department of Safety that such person has entered into a payment plan for fees owed to the local government.
- a not significant increase in local government revenues in Davidson County resulting from individuals who would not have paid their fines using the single payment method that would pay their fines using the installment plan.
- a not significant increase in local government expenditures from the costs associated with administering the installment payment plan.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director